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An exact Relation of late Actions and motions of the Scots Army in the North, as also the Forces under the command of Major Generall Lambert, and Lieutenant Generall Cromwell.

York August 8.

THe great care and activity of Major Generall Lambert in interposing the Scots, and hindering their march Southwards, appeares by the continuall well ordering of his parties abroad and stopping the passes, but especially by his endeavour to unbread their march to Brough, which hee did by cutting up of Ditches, making of trenches, and making holes in their passage, if they come on he is resolved to fight them, three Counties into which they have come have suffered with a witnesse, and they confesse they look for no other when once they came amongst them, and if those in the South found cause to complaine of an Army the least Disciplined of any in Christendome

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lately

surely they will prevent any other from comming amongst them, indeed the Counties through which the [illegible] are to passe are to be commended that they [illegible] their quarters, and for that purpose are advanced to Kendall, and we have intelligence that Sir Marmaduke Langdale intends to get up into Lancashire, Lieutenant Generall Cromwell was at Doncaster last night, we hope to joyne within two dayes and he five thousand horse and Dragoones and seven thousand Foot: more newes is come that some of the Scots have plundred neere Preston the Maj. Gen. takes speciall care to preserve that County of Lancaster as much as possible they can, having already given good assistance to this Army, and are now generally putting themselves in a posture of Defence from 16 to 60 to which purpose warrants are issued forth into every hundred, and such as appeare not, are to be proceeded against; we hope that Yorke-shire and those Counties will follow this example and provide for their own safety, the City of York is seized in a good Condition, and the Militia there have published a Declaration.

In the name and power of God Almighty to awaken and stir up all true hearted Englishmen to joyne as one man for the beating back of the Scots and confederate Papists who have invaded England, who have already wasted part of Cumberland and Westmerland, and kild much Women and Children. The Inhabitants of York Covenant as followeth.

The Engagement of the Citizens of York.

"I. A. B. Do hereby as in the presence of God, faithfully engage my selfe, that I will not by my person, Contribution,

Contribution, Intelligence or any other way, assist any forces raised or to be raised, or any whatsoever shall be imployed against the present Government, peace and safety of this City, but that I will to the utmost of my power and ability, upon all occasions aid and assist this Authority now established, in the preservation and defence of this City, when I shall be thereunto required, and do further promise, that I will freely and fully discover to the Lord Mayor of this City, or some by him appointed, any design of force or treachery, or any other mischiefe intended against this City, and the present Government of the same, so farre as comes to my knowledge. And to this Engagement I subscribe my name.

Signed by the Inhabitants of York,
August 2. 1648.

Some of the Scots officers are returned backe into their own Country well laden with goods, they have somewhat to do at home, and then to returne againe, and bring more wives and bearnes into England, three and twenty prisoners most of which were men of note in temper escaped out of Newcastle and Tinmouth most of them are said to be gone to Barwick and Carlisle to seek for places of command.

Certain letters were intercepted by Major G. Lambert found about Mr. Allharton, who was imployed to carry a letter to the King, from the Committee of Estates at Edenburgh, which letters were sent upon this

House

House of *Commons*, and upon opening thereof, it appered that part of them were written in Characters, and did import matter of great concernment. So the *Commons* made choice of a Committee to read them, find out the meaning, and report it to the House. One of these letters was directed to the Countess of *Carlisle*. *Recommending the truth and faithfulnesse of the Bearer to the Designe, signifying further, that* D. Hammilton *was entred the Kingdom of* England *with an Army, and carryed with him a Declaration, of which a Copy was also sent to her* Honour.

They intimate a desire of excuse in the penning, for that it was drawn up in lesse then 48. *houres, but say the matter should be maintained, saying, all things went on prosperously according to their minds, and the desires and invitations of their friends in* England.

The Letter was subscribed in Characters, which were thought to be the Lord Callender *or* Lauderdail.

Another letter was directed to another noble person of this Kingdom, expressing the good service was like to be performed by 32. *which by the characters signified the Earl of* Holland, *with another paper, which was desired to be sent to the L.* Jermin.

Other,

Other Letters signified, that the Bearer, meaning Mr. Aliburton, could truly inform of the state of all things in present action, and to whom anything might be safely communicated, that were not fit to be written for fear of intercepting, &c. assuring that that Gentleman the Bearer, had commission to levy and receive Monies for the service of the Army of that Kingdom, and was a person of extraordinary trust, &c.

Subscribed in Characters,

CALENDER.

This Mr. Aliburton had lately a pass from the House to go upon his publike employment to the King at the Isle of Wight, is returned back again to London, and the Commons desire the concurrence of the Lords, that he may not be trusted to stay here, for that it appears that he is imployed as a private Agent to raise Money on the English Nation, for those that have invaded this Kingdome in an hostile manner, and had other secret business here.

This

This day Sir Peter Killegrew, who attended the Commissioners, to his Maj. in the Isle of Wight, returned to the Parliament and brought letters from the said Commissioners, on their journey backe, his Maj. hath given a gracious answer to the votes of Parliament for a treaty, which its thought the Earl of Middlesex and the other Commis. will be with here this night, or early on Munday. That which is chiefly observeable in that message, is, that his Majesty is very well pleased with the Vote for his Majesty to treat with honour, freedom, and safety, and is pleased to condescend to treat with his Parliament for setling the peace of the Kingdom in the Isle of Wight, and makes choice of *Newport*, being the chiefe town in that Isle, for holding the said Treaty: there was a report that his Majesty, in his message bringing to the House by the Commissioners, he propounds, that Commissioners from Scotland may be invited to joyn in the said treaty; this is only by way of report, within a day or two you will have the certainty thereof: So that for any more then that the King doth consent to treat at *Newport*, must for the present be left to further Relations.

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